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In re Application of

SAVAGE *et al.*

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Examiner: ALIA, Curtis A

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For: ROUTER CONFIGURED FOR OUTPUTTING UPDATE MESSAGES SPECIFYING
A DETECTED ATTRIBUTE CHANGE OF A CONNECTED ACTIVE PATH
ACCORDING TO A PRESCRIBED ROUTING PROTOCOL

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the combination of claim limitations as a whole are patently distinguishable over the cited prior art when each claim is interpreted in its entirety.

Applicant further agrees with the Examiner's statement on page 6 that the computer-readable storage medium is limited to non-transitory media, and does not encompass transitory media. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the statement on pages 5-6 that "[t]he Specification (after Examiner amendment above) limits the computer readable storage medium to floppy disk, hard disk, EEPROM, and CD-ROM"

While the Examiner is correct that the computer-readable storage medium does not include any transitory medium types, the specification is illustrative and not restrictive. Hence, the term "computer-readable storage medium" can cover non-transitory media types other than a

floppy disk, hard disk, EEPROM, or CD-ROM, for example: any Random Access Memory (RAM); any Read Only Memory (ROM); any programmable non-transitory storage medium (e.g., programmable array logic (PAL) or programmable logic array (PLA), complex programmable logic devices, field programmable gate arrays, etc.) or non-transitory memory components thereof; any mask-programmed integrated circuits (e.g., application-specific integrated circuits) or non-transitory memory components thereof, or any equivalents of the aforementioned examples of non-transitory medium types.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L R Turkevich', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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